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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 3721**

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ARTICULATION AND TISSUE PRE-CLAMP**

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 14, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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